

# Cal OES Daily Situation Report

## November 25, 2014



Lake Yosemite, Merced County

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## National Terrorism Advisory System Current Alerts



## **SITUATION SUMMARY**

### **Derailment, Feather River Canyon, Plumas County, Spill Report, # 14-6721 (New/Final)**

On 11/25/14 at 0314 hours, Union Pacific Railroad advised the California State Warning Center of a derailment in the Feather River Canyon. 12 railcars loaded with grain derailed in the canyon near the Feather River. Union Pacific Railroad advises that 1 rail-car load of corn has released to the Feather River from one or multiple cars. The rail cars themselves remain on land, none in the water. Union Pacific Railroad further advises that booms have been placed 100 yards down river from the spill location for containment. Union Pacific Railroad states no Hazardous Materials were released due to the derailment. All appropriate notifications were completed including local government agencies

### **Weather of Concern**

#### **Southwestern California – Fire Weather Conditions**

Surface high pressure over the Great Basin and northeast winds aloft will bring periods of strong gusty Santa Ana winds to the mountains, coastal foothills and inland valleys through Wednesday. The strongest winds are forecast to occur through tonight. Humidity values will fall into the single digits each day with poor overnight recoveries through Thanksgiving. Offshore winds will continue; however, they are forecast to weaken on Thanksgiving.

#### **Potential Impacts Include:**

- Very low humidity combined with strong winds will create extreme fire behavior.
- Strong winds could cause isolated damages (trees, powerlines, property) in mountain communities.
- Blowing dust and low visibility are possible in the deserts.
- Travel will be difficult for high profile vehicles; especially in cross-winds.
- A Red Flag Warning is in effect until 1800 hours Wednesday for portions of Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.
- A High Wind Warning is now in effect until noon today for portions San Diego County.

#### **Activations**

- Per CUEA, San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) staffed their EOC at 2000 hours last night in preparation for the Red Flag Warnings in Southern California. EOC will remain staffed until noon today.

**Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories:** [http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www\\_bc\\_cal.php](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php)

# **SITUATION SUMMARY**

## **Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought**

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

# WEATHER

## WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

### **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:**

#### **Eureka Weather:**

High pressure and dry conditions return today through Thursday morning. Periods of moderate to heavy rain is expected with a series of weather systems Thursday afternoon into the weekend.

#### **San Francisco Weather:**

Today and Wednesday will be sunny and seasonably warm under strong high pressure. Nice weather continues Thanksgiving Day as the ridge begins to weaken bringing temperatures back to normal. A front will move into the North Bay later Friday night into early Saturday. The front will then drop southward through the rest of the Bay Area and Central Coast Saturday into Sunday with periods of light locally moderate rain. Main cold frontal passage now looks to occur late Sunday night or Monday morning when heavy rain will be possible.

### **CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY**

#### **Sacramento Weather:**

Dry and mild weather is expected through Thanksgiving as high pressure covers the region. Rain is expected to return to the region by the weekend and continue into early next week. Snow across the mountains is likely to cause travel difficulties for the holiday weekend.

#### **Hanford Weather:**

Weak high pressure located over central California is producing light patchy fog late night through mid-morning. The high pressure is expected to weaken later in the week resulting in less fog by Thanksgiving Day. A winter storm is on track to affect the area later in the weekend.

# **WEATHER**

## **WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:**

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

#### **Los Angeles Weather:**

Skies will be mostly clear across the region this week. There will be gusty offshore winds through Wednesday as surface high pressure continues in the Great Basin. High pressure will bring a warming trend to the area with daytime temperatures rising to well above normal in most areas through Thursday. Cooler weather is expected Friday and Saturday as an upper trough approaches the West Coast. There is a possibility for some rain on Sunday and continuing into early next week.

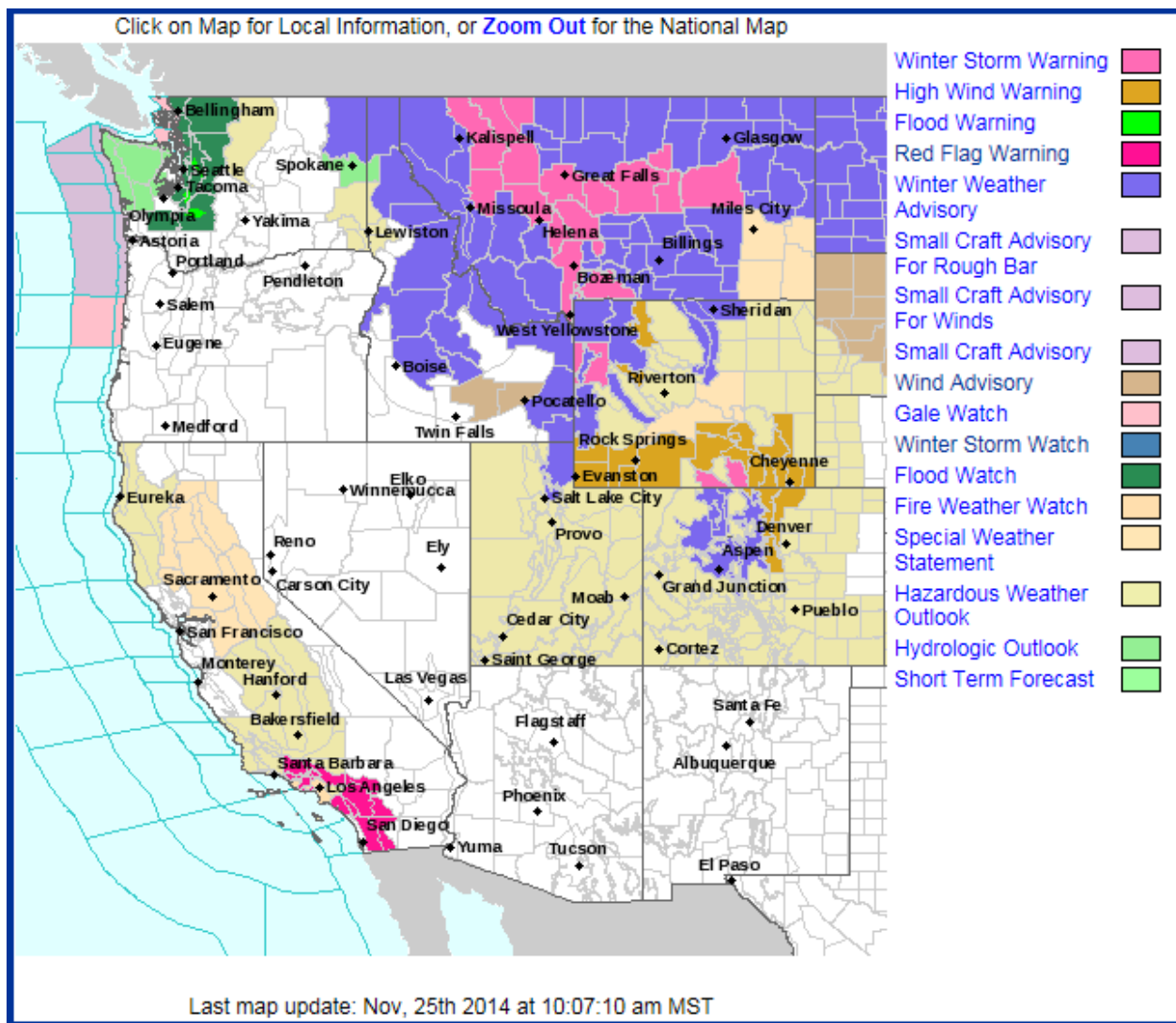
#### **Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:**

Surface high pressure over the Great Basin will bring periods of gusty Santa Ana winds through Wednesday with the strongest winds occurring through early this morning. High temperatures will continue to warm into Thanksgiving. Onshore flow will return for Friday into the weekend with slow cooling on Friday and greater cooling for the weekend. A Pacific low pressure system is likely to bring moderate to heavy precipitation sometime early next week.

#### **Southeast California Weather:**

Dry air will continue to overspread the area resulting in mostly clear skies and temperatures near normal through Wednesday. Afternoon temperatures will peak in the upper 70s/lower 80s toward the end of the week as a strengthening high pressure ridge positions itself over the Desert Southwest.

# STATE WEATHER MAP



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# **FIRE ACTIVITY**



## **Preparedness Levels**

### **National Preparedness Level 1**

#### **Northern California**

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

#### **Southern California**

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

## **California Fire Potential & Weather Maps**

### **Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

### **Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential**

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

### **California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings**

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

### **NWS California River Forecast Center:**

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>



# RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

## Boles Incident Vegetation Fire- City of Weed, Siskiyou County

### Recovery Activities

- On 10/01/14, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved a disaster declaration making SBA assistance available in the primary County of Siskiyou and the contiguous counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Modoc, Shasta, and Trinity, making low-interest federal disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the Boles Fire. The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is 12/01/14. The deadline to return economic injury applications is 07/01/15.
- On 10/06/14, the Governor issued Executive Order (EO) B-27-14, which provides CDAA, and debris removal assistance, including the suspension of rules and regulations impacting debris removal. The EO also provides the ability for nonprofit organizations to seek reimbursement for extraordinary activities through the State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program.
- The Cal OES VAL continues to coordinate and participate in Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meetings with NGO, Faith Based, and local agencies. Shasta Community Foundation was identified as a fiscal agent for the group. Individuals needing assistance should be directed to the Family & Community Resource Center of Weed located at 260 Main Street, Weed. Funding organizations will assist with unmet needs through the case management process. The VAL continues to work with the Weed LTRG in identifying resources and gaps in services.
- The VAL participated in a meeting with the CA Human Development agency and the Great Northern Services (GNS) to discuss potential use of drought funding to assist fire survivors with rental and utility payments. [GNS identified a gap in rental and utility assistance of \\$65k. The information was forwarded to the California Housing and Community Development and Siskiyou County for consideration. On November 20, 2014, CA Human Development notified Cal OES and GNS that funding to assist residents was approved. CA Human Development will work with GNS and the LTRG to identify families needing assistance and subsequently meet individually with the families. Payments will be made directly to the landlord and or utility company. CA Human Development has requested assistance from GNS in identifying office space to meet with clients.](#) The rental and utility needs of residents affected by the Happy Camp fire will also be captured.
- [Based on an inquiry from the LTRG, the VAL reached out to the County Behavioral Health regarding funding to assist with mental health counseling for students affected by the Boles Fire. The County Behavioral Health is working with the Weed Family Resource Center to provide funding for Grief and Trauma counseling in the community.](#)
- The College of the Siskiyou's website contains a Fire Resource List of various local agencies offering goods and services. The document can be found at <http://www.siskiyou.edu/humanresources/documents/fireresourcelist.pdf>. Additional information on recovery efforts can be found at <https://weed.recovers.org/>.
- Food donations are being accepted at 310 Boles Street.
- [The hazardous tree removal process is expected to be completed by 12/15/2014, weather permitting.](#)
- Debris removal for all participating properties is complete. [All sites have been tested and have met the cleanup goals for the project.](#)
- On 10/28/14, the City of Weed reestablished water pressure to its downtown area; however, the water storage capacity for fire suppression is still lacking. The City expects water storage to be restored by 12/31/14, or sooner if the weather permits.



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### **Cal Recycle reports:**

The professional tree faller is [completing the removal of trees determined to be hazardous](#). The project is estimated to be completed by December 5, 2014; a small crew is scheduled to return the first week of December to finish small tasks. A total of 29,651.21 tons of debris was removed (484.82 tons of metal delivered for recycling; 8,210.82 tons of concrete delivered for recycling; and 20,955.57 tons of debris, ash and soil delivered for disposal).

To date:

- 134 Sites registered for the removal project (Right-of-Entry, includes library, community center and 2 churches).
- 11 Sites denied entry.
- 134 Sites documented.
- 134 Asbestos surveys completed.
- 65 Sites with asbestos containing material.
- 65 Sites cleared of asbestos containing material.
- 134 Debris removal completed.
- 134 Sites sampled.
- [134](#) Sample results approved.
- [134](#) Sites with erosion control completed.
- [134](#) Sites approved by City of Weed as ready for a building permit.

### **Cal OES Deployments**

- [No staff from Cal OES are assigned.](#)

# RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

## Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to California residents and business owners as a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration. The declaration covers Napa and Solano counties as a result of the South Napa Earthquake and aftershocks that occurred August 24 – September 7, 2014.

## **Recovery Activities**

- The deadline for Cal OES to submit the Request for Public Assistance of potential applicants to be considered for reimbursement for this event ended, 10/24/14. Sixty-one (61) RPAs have been received and nine (9) have withdrawn for a total of fifty-two (52) RPAs submitted to FEMA. Thirty-seven (37) Kickoff Meetings have been completed and five (5) kick-off meetings have been scheduled for this week and next week. There are six (6) kickoff meetings yet to be scheduled for PNPs that have now been approved. It is currently scheduled that all kickoff meetings will be complete by 11/21/2014.
- [The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa County regarding Long Term Recovery efforts and the need for a LTR group. Local representatives are meeting to discuss previous efforts by the initial LTRG that is no longer operational.](#)
- Cal OES IA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) continues NGO coordination in Solano County. The Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG), a long term recovery group, has formed and has established by-laws and elected an Executive Board. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will provide case management training to local organizations in [Napa and Solano counties](#).
- Local Assistance Center (LAC): County and City of Napa: LAC opened on 09/08/14 at 301 1st Street, Napa (corner of 1st Street and Silverado Trail). On October 29, 2014, FEMA and SBA provided representatives in the Napa LAC. On October 30, 2014, the Disaster Recovery Center in the City of Vallejo opened. The LAC and DRC are open until further notice. The operational hours for both centers are Monday – Friday 9 AM to 6 PM; Saturdays 9 AM to 4 PM; Sundays closed; In addition, both centers will be closed on November 27, 2014, and November 28, 2014, in observation of Thanksgiving.
- The California Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) have partnered with SBA and are providing services at no charge to assist small businesses impacted by the disaster with financial counseling, management and technical assistance, business planning, reconstructing damaged or destroyed business records, rewriting business plans, etc.

# CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

## Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency Monday and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.

# Training and Exercises

## Coastal Region

### Public Health Forum regarding Response to a Major Ebola Disease Outbreak on Mass Transit (New/Final)

A public health forum will be held today from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) MetroCenter auditorium. Representatives from BART, MTC, Capitol Corridor, VTA, AC Transit, County Connection, Sam Trans, Sonoma Marin Train, SFO, CDPH, Local Public Health officers, Region II's RDMHS, Cal OES Coastal Region's Deputy Regional Administrator, and Coastal Region's ESC/transportation/medical health liaison will be in attendance.



**Mission:**

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

*We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.*